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And their FRIENDS,

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More than three Weeks before Mr. DERRICK's *Death, great Intereſt was made for a Succeſſion to his Monarchy; and on the 16th of March the following Addreſs from Mr.* CHARLES JONES *was publicly handed about at the Rooms and Coffee-Houſes.*

To the NOBILITY and GENTRY at BATH.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

UPON the Report of the Death of SAMUEL DERRICK, Eſq; Maſter of the Ceremonies at Bath, my noble Friends were ſo very kind as to honour me with the following Liſt of their Names under their own Hands; which I will produce, upon Demand, to any one who has the leaſt Pretenſion to require a Sight of them; in which they recommend me as a Perſon qualified to ſucceed him: And ſhould I be ſo fortunate as to have my Attempt crowned with Succeſs, I moſt ſolemnly proteſt and declare, that I will bid adieu to Play; and, by a determined Application to the Duties of my Office, endeavour to promote every Thing that may be agreeable to the Company, conſiſtent with the Laws of my Country, my Reſpect to the worthy Magiſtrates of the very loyal and elegant City of Bath, the Intereſt of the Maſters of the Long Rooms,

and the Welfare of each Inhabitant, not forgetting my Duty and Gratitude to my Conſtituents.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, your moſt obedient,

And moſt ſincerely devoted humble Servant,

London, March 14, 1769. CHARLES JONES.

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Her Grace of Leeds
Her Grace of Hamilton
Her Grace of Ancaſter
Lady Scarſdale
Miſs Murray
His Grace of Northumberland
The Earl of Dartmouth
The Earl of Delawar
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His Grace of Ancaſter
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Arthur Blake, Esq;
Lord Tyrawly
Mr. Adolphus
Thomas Delaval, Esq;
Sir Thomas Dyke Ackland, Bart.

BATH, March 16, 1769.

To the LADIES and GENTLEMEN

Reſiding at or reſorting to BATH.

AS Mr. DERRICK, the preſent Maſter of the Ceremonies, now lies at the Point of Death, and in all Probability a Vacancy for that Employment will very ſoon happen, I beg to offer a few Thoughts to your Conſideration previous to the Election of a Perſon to fill that Office.

It has been always allowed, that whenever a Vacancy did happen, the SUBSCRIBERS to the BALLS were the Perſons who ſhould vote for a new MASTER of the CEREMONIES, and that no Perſon ſhould be permitted to vote by *Proxy*: This is certainly a Rule too good to be ever broke through.

It has been likewiſe always allowed, that any Gentleman or Lady who was at Bath might inſert in the Subſcription-Book the Name or Names of any of their Friends, who had commiſſioned them ſo to do, and to pay the Two Guineas for ſuch Perſon accordingly: For No one has a Right to aſk *why?* If I am in London or Briſtol, and intend to be in Bath a Week or a Month hence, I may impower a Friend to ſubſcribe for me before I come. I could mention many Precedents, but will only remind the Company that Mr. *Derrick*, about two Years ago, wrote in the Books the Names of near Twenty of the firſt Nobility and Gentry of this Kingdom (who were not here) to carry a Point then in Agitation; and on being aſked, *Why he did ſo?*

ſo? it was anſwered unanimouſly by his Adherents, That if the Money was paid, (which by the By was not then done) no Perſon had a Right to aſk a Queſtion about it.

Theſe Points being certain, I cannot but think the Proceedings of Mr. B——N's Friends in the Rooms laſt Night very extraordinary, and which I will relate in as few Words as I can. Mr. *Plomer*, who (without ſetting forth his particular good Qualities) is univerſally allowed to be an *Engliſh* Gentleman of unexceptionable good Character, has for ſome Time paſt offered himſelf in the moſt modeſt Manner to ſucceed Mr. *Derrick*, ſhould his Death take Place as is apprehended.——Many reſpectable Gentlemen of Faſhion and Fortune, who reſide here, eſpouſed his Cauſe, as well as Numbers of his Friends in Briſtol, where he has officiated as Maſter of the Ceremonies for ſome Time paſt.—Thoſe of Briſtol, willing to ſhew their Zeal for a *worthy* Man, wrote to ſeveral Gentlemen here, and deſired them to put their Names down in the Book and pay their Subſcription-Money, to entitle them to a Vote in Perſon at the Time of Election: This was *attempted* to be done; but the Friends of Mr. B——N treated it and the Names with an Indignity unworthy the Character of well-bred Gentlemen; and though the Money was paid for every Name, they came in a Body, and, *Vi & Armis*, ſeized the Book, and poſitively declared, no Man had a Right to inſert another's Name, and that no further Subſcription ſhould be taken in that Manner. What Right they had to make ſuch a Law, no one can tell.

I hope I need not point out to the Ladies and Gentlemen who are *Natives of England*, that if even

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two Perſons of *equal* good Character are in their Option, how much more the One who is a *worthy Countryman* ſhould claim their Preference over the Other, than I need point out, why a Man would endeavour to provide for *his own Children* before thoſe of a *Stranger*. I am unacquainted with Mr. B——N's private Character, and for ought I know he may have the higheſt Degree of Merit; of this you will be the beſt Judges: But, allowing he is ſo, the ſingle Queſtion you have to debate upon is, Not whether Mr. *B——n* or Mr. *Plomer* ſhall be the Ruler of your Diverſions, but whether you would chuſe to keep the Staff in your own Hands, or let it be forcibly wreſted from you, and BATH be abſolutely governed by the tranſient Viſitors from another Nation.

N. B. LADIES *are equally entitled to a Vote with the* GENTLEMEN.

BATH, March 18, 1769.

THE Ladies and Gentlemen, Subſcribers to the Balls, in the Intereſt of Mr. PLOMER, are humbly requeſted to meet on *Monday* next the 20th Inſtant, at One o'Clock, in the *Town-Hall*.

From *The* BATH *and* BRISTOL CHRONICLE.

March 23.

AT the general Meeting of Mr. *Plomer*'s Friends aſſembled at the Town-Hall on Monday the 20th Inſtant, it was the unanimous Opinion of the Company, that Mr. *Plomer* had conducted himſelf during his Canvaſs with that Propriety, Decency, and Moderation, which became a Gentleman; that after

after the moſt ſtrict Scrutiny they thought him a Perſon very well qualified to conduct the Ceremonies of the *Great Aſſembly* eſtabliſhed in this City, in Conſequence of which they promiſed him their united Aſſiſtance, and recommended him to the Friendſhip of the Nobility and Gentry reſorting to this Place. It was alſo reſolved that Three Days Notice was the ſhorteſt that would be expected by the Company, to render any Meeting valid or reſpectful; which Notice ſhould be given in the moſt public Manner poſſible.

An ADDRESS to the PUBLIC.

ON the 15th of this Month, on the Report of Mr. DERRICK's being at the Point of Death, the Names of many Perſons, at that Time abſent from Bath, were thrown into the Subſcription Liſt, in Order (as was evident) to determine the future Election of a MASTER of the CEREMONIES, and to preclude and overbear the Sentiments of the Company then preſent.

Many Gentlemen, Eye-Witneſſes of this Tranſaction, and juſtly reſenting the Unfairneſs of ſuch a Proceeding, propoſed to the Company then preſent to have a Meeting the next Day at Noon at Mr. *Simpſon's Room*, judging that Interval a ſufficient Notice to the Reſidents in Bath, and thinking it neceſſary, by this deciſive Meaſure, to prevent a Mode of Election, founded in Violence, and ſupported by Arts unworthy of a Society of Gentlemen.

A Meeting was in Conſequence held the next Day of all the Ladies and Gentlemen, who, on this public Notice, choſe to attend; and the following Reſolutions were voted and ſigned by a very great Majority of all the Subſcribers:

Firſt, That thoſe Perſons whoſe Names were thrown into the Liſt (they being abſent from Bath) were not duly qualified to be Electors of a Maſter of the Ceremonies; and that they ſhould not be allowed as ſuch.

Secondly, That Mr. BRERETON ſhould be appointed Coadjutor to Mr. DERRICK during his Illneſs; which was agreed to accordingly.

And *Thirdly*, That Mr. BRERETON ſhould be appointed Succeſſor to Mr. DERRICK, in Caſe of his Death.

N. B. The Names thrown into the Ball Liſt on the 15th were about *Thirty*; the Number has ſince been increaſed to more than *Seventy*; Four-fifths of whom have not as yet made their Appearance, nor can they be aſſembled, as hath been confeſſed in Print, on leſs than Three Days Notice.——Let the Public judge, whether ſuch Perſons can have a Right to impoſe a Maſter of the Ceremonies on the Reſidents in Bath?

March the 25th, 1769.

To the NOBILITY and GENTRY
Reſiding at or reſorting to BATH.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

AN Addreſs having been handed to the Public laſt Saturday, juſtifying the Proceedings of Mr. B——N's Party, I think proper to make a few Obſervations on ſo modeſt and ſenſible a Proceeding; and I will do it in as few Words as the Nature of the Subject will admit; hoping thereby to undeceive thoſe Ladies and Gentlemen *already* here, who have vainly deluded themſelves with Notions of their own Importance, and to prepare the Minds of the

the reſt of the Company, and of ſuch Strangers a may arrive, with proper Ideas of the Conſequence and Dignity due to the *preſent reigning Monarch*, and his ſagacious Counſellors.

The Addreſs ſays, "On the Report of Mr. *Der-*
"*rick's* being at the Point of Death, the Names of
"many Perſons, at that Time abſent from Bath,
"were thrown into the Subſcription Liſt, in Order
"(as was evident) to determine the future Election
"of a Maſter of the Ceremonies, and to preclude
"and overbear the Sentiments of the Company
"*then* preſent."

All the World muſt allow it is *extremely reaſonable*, that a few Partiſans of Mr. B——N, who were preſent, ſhould make ſuch Laws for the Company reſorting here, as they might think proper!---And it is very abſurd to ſuppoſe, that any Gentleman, either of Briſtol, any Part of this County, or indeed of any other Part of England, ſhould be deſirous of having a Vote in electing a Maſter of the Ceremonies for a Place which they and their Families frequent;—and that it is extremely weak, and preſumptuous in them, to deſire a Gentleman ſhould be placed in that Office of whom they have a good Opinion, and who is to be the Guardian of the young People of both Sexes, to keep them out of the Hands of Gamblers and Fortune-Hunters:—It is ſo very overbearing and inſolent to aim at ſo deſirable an Object, that I bluſh for my Countrymen's attempting it!

The ſecond Paragraph of the Addreſs ſays, that "Many Gentlemen, Eye-Witneſſes of this Tranſ-
"action, and juſtly reſenting the Unfairneſs of ſuch
"a Proceeding,"—[I preſume he means the Unfairneſs of *any* Engliſh Gentlemen's deſiring their

Friends to ſubſcribe for them, that they might be intitled to a Vote in *Perſon*, in a Matter of ſuch Conſequence to themſelves and Families,] " propoſed " to the Company then preſent to have a Meeting " the next Day at Noon at Mr. *Simpſon's Room*, " judging that Interval a ſufficient Notice to the " Reſidents in Bath, and thinking it neceſſary, by " this deciſive Meaſure, to prevent a Mode of E- " lection, founded in Violence, and ſupported by " Arts unworthy of a Society of Gentlemen."

Surely it requires no ſmall Degree of *Effrontery* to declare ſo openly to the World the Reſolutions of the Addreſſer's Party to carry their laudable Schemes into Execution *Vi & Armis*; he tells you, that many Gentlemen *then* preſent did ſo and ſo, and reſented the Proceeding, (who doubts it? ſo they would any Thing elſe if it had not agreed with their own Sentiments) and that they propoſed at Ten o'Clock at Night a Meeting for the next Day, (which *they ſay* was Notice enough) to prevent in a *very deciſive Manner* a Mode of Election *they* did not approve of.——I cou'd run out this Paragraph into many Obſervations on the great Modeſty of the Party, Reſpect to the Nobility and Gentry who reſide at and reſort hither, and expatiate largely on the Obligations due from the Public for this very genteel Proceeding; but I leave them to every Reader's own Penetration.——*Bluſh, if it be poſſible!*

He then tells us, a Meeting was held accordingly, and the following *Reſolutions* (pray Ladies and Gentlemen obſerve that!) were agreed to by a very great Majority:—Who doubts it, when they were all on one Side?

" *Firſt*, That thoſe Perſons whoſe Names were " thrown into the Liſt (they being abſent from Bath)

" were

"were not duly qualified to be Electors of a Maſter "of the Ceremonies;" and then by one bold Declaration do pronounce, "that they ſhould not be "allowed as ſuch."

So, Ladies and Gentlemen, there is your Quietus: Write to who you pleaſe, ſubſcribe in what Manner you pleaſe, or intereſt yourſelves as you pleaſe, King B——N and his Council have paſſed a Law, that you ſhall *not be allowed to vote*;—therefore, (to ſpeak in Royal Language) demean yourſelves as our dutiful Subjects peaceably and quietly, on Pain of our Royal Diſpleaſure if you behave otherwiſe.

"*Secondly*, That Mr. B——N ſhould be appointed "Coadjutor, alias Coagitur, to Mr. *Derrick* during "his Illneſs; which was agreed to accordingly."

"And *Thirdly*, That Mr. B——N ſhould be ap-"pointed"—(or in other Words, that You who are to vote at the Election ſhall be obliged to chuſe him)—"Succeſſor to Mr. *Derrick*, in Caſe of his "Death." Pray Gentlemen add, *Given at our Court at Bath, this 25th Day of March, in the Year of our Lord* 1769, *and in the firſt Year of our Coagiturſhip.*

O——
W—— } Secretaries.

Can any Perſon read this Narrative of their Proceedings but with the utmoſt Ridicule? To be ſerious; Can any Perſon read of ſuch daring *Preſumption*, but with the moſt glowing Reſentment? Let it then ſtir up to Union! Let us, hand in hand, aſſert our Rights, and never ſuffer ourſelves to be thus trodden under Foot: *They* beſt can tell what ſiniſter Methods have been uſed to increaſe the Number of Votes, and whether it is acting like Gentlemen to raiſe a Fund, and pay the Subſcription for

thoſe who will vote as they are bid: [I ſay nothing to ſuch Perſons as will be made this mean Uſe of, but leave *them* to their own honourable Reflections.] Theſe, *my Liege!* and *ye his noble Counſellors!* are miſerable Efforts, and, depend on it, the Particulars ſhall be publicly known.—We are not obliged to fly to ſuch an Aid. Every Gentleman and Lady who has, or intends to ſubſcribe for Mr. PLOMER, can and will declare, in the moſt ſolemn Manner, that they pay their *own* Money; and, whatever Stigma the Coadjutor's Party may affix to the Act, we will never equivocate about our being *occaſional* Voters, but will glorioufly aſſert our determined Purpoſe to get the better of a Faction.

BATH, March 27, 1769.

P. S. The principal Ladies and Gentlemen *now* at Bath thought it proper to poſtpone the Election of a New Maſter of the Ceremonies, to three Days after Mr. *Derrick*'s Death, and publiſhed their Opinions accordingly;—for, as that Office is of ſo much Conſequence to all the Company of the Kingdom, who frequent Bath, or ſend their Sons and Daughters hither, they thought it but reaſonable to apprize them of it, that they might, if they thought fit, attend here, and proceed to the Choice of ſuch a Gentleman whoſe Character they could confide in, as a proper Guardian to ſuch unwary Youth as might otherwiſe be ſubject to fatal Snares, and Inconveniencies of the moſt alarming and dangerous Nature.

BATH, March 27, 1769.

SEVERAL Gentlemen having laſt Night taken the Liberty to declare, that they would not ſuffer any other Lady or Gentleman who ſhould ſub-

ſcribe after that Time, (Ten o'Clock at Night) to vote hereafter for a Maſter of the Ceremonies; and others having alſo declared, they would prevent any Lady or Gentleman, who ſhould ſubſcribe *after* the Death of Mr. *Derrick*, from voting for a Maſter of the Ceremonies: This Notice is given to ſuch Ladies and Gentlemen who have declared their Reſolution to ſubſcribe to the Balls *after* the Death of Mr *Derrick*, and ſuch others as may be of the ſame Sentiments, not to ſubſcribe until a Vacancy ſhall happen, that they may take ſuch Meaſures as they may judge proper to ſupport their Right to ſubſcribe, at what Time they ſhall think fit, without the Licence of any Dictator whatſoever. And it is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Company, if it would not be the moſt candid and fair Method, not to proceed to an Election of a Maſter of the Ceremonies until three Da s after a Vacancy ſhall happen; and if ſuch a Reſolution being adhered to, would not conduce to preſerve good Order, Decency, and good Humour, amongſt the Company, and of Courſe prevent Diſcord, Ill-humour, and Diviſion; where, as at the Court of *Comus*, all ſhould be Mirth and Jollity.

WHEREAS the Company now at Bath, are in great Agitation on Account of ſettling the Succeſſion to the Maſterſhip of the Ceremonies, which is *hourly* expected to become vacant by the Death of Mr. *Derrick*; and claim to *themſelves* a Right of electing and nominating a future Succeſſor; I do, in Behalf of a very conſiderable Number of the moſt reſpectable Perſons in *this Kingdom*, beg Leave to enter a *Proteſt* againſt ſuch Proceedings; and

and *appeal* to *the Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſhold*, in *whom alone* the Nomination of a Director, or *Superintendant* of all *Public Diverſions*, throughout *His Majeſty's Realms* and *Dominions*, is by *Virtue* of *his Office known* to be inveſted.

BATH, *March* 27, 1769. CHARLES JONES.

To the LADIES and GENTLEMEN Subſcribers to the Public Rooms at BATH.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

AS ſoon as I heard of Mr. *Derrick's* Illneſs, and that he was paſt all Hopes of Recovery, I came to Bath with an Intention to offer myſelf a Candidate to ſucceed him as Maſter of the Ceremonies, in Caſe of his Deceaſe: But as I find there are already Candidates for that Employment, and that the Company ſeem very ſtrenuous for them, I do decline my Intention of ſtanding a Candidate; as I ſhould be much concerned to be the Cauſe of making any Addition to the preſent Commotions; but in Caſe of any future Vacancy, I do ſollicit the Favour of your Votes and Intereſt, being determined to make it my Study to execute the Office with the ſtricteſt Honour and Impartiality, and my beſt Endeavours to give general Satisfaction.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

BATH, *March* 27, 1769. WILLIAM WADE,
Captain in the late 73d Regiment, and Nephew to the late Field Marſhal *Wade*.

BATH, *March* 27, 1769.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

IT is inſiſted upon by ſome of Mr. *Plomer*'s Friends that he ſhould communicate to you an extraordinary Propoſal made to him this Morning, by one of Mr. *Brereton*'s Friends, and which (he thinks in Gratitude to thoſe Ladies and Gentlemen in particular who have honoured him with their Support, and as in Reſpect to the Company in general he ought to do) he has refuſed to comply with. The Propoſal was, that, in Caſe Mr. *Plomer* would give up his Pretenſions to Mr. *Brereton*, there would be Five Hundred Pounds of the Subſcription, over and above what would defray the Expences of the Seaſon, and that Mr. *Brereton* ſhould ſecure him One Hundred Pounds per Annum *more*, to be paid him quarterly; adding, that it would be his beſt Way to accept of it, for, ſhould he have the Majority of Voices, he would nevertheleſs meet with many very diſagreeable Events, to make his Office irkſome to him.

BATH, March 28, 1769.

This Morning about Five o'Clock died, Samuel Derrick, Eſq; Maſter of the Ceremonies in this City, in the 46th Year of his Age.

BATH, March 28, 1769.

THE Ladies and Gentlemen, Subſcribers to the Balls, are humbly requeſted to meet this Day at One o'Clock in *Gyde's Rooms*, to appoint a Maſter of the Ceremonies in Place of Mr. *Derrick*, who is now dead; which is thought abſolutely neceſſary, this being Ball Night.

MR. *Plomer*'s Friends are desired to meet at the *Town-Hall*, at half after Eleven o'Clock this Day, being *March* 28th, 1769.

Town-Hall, Bath, March 28, 1769.

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, That the Election for a Master of the Ceremonies, in the Room of the late Mr. *Derrick*, will come on, at *Simpson's Room*, on *Friday* the 31st Instant at Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon.

BATH, March 28, 1769.

THIS is to give Notice, That the Election for a Master of the Ceremonies for this City, is fixed for *Friday* next, at Twelve o'Clock, at Mr. *Gyde's Room*.

TWO Advertisements having appeared in Print this Day, one calling a Meeting for the Election of a Master of the Ceremonies at *Simpson's Room*, and another for the same Purpose at *Gyde's Room*, on *Friday* next; This is to give Notice, that the said Meeting will be held at *Simpson*'s, and not at *Gyde*'s, which *last* was published by Mistake.

Tuesday Evening, 28th March.

IT is the Opinion of the Ladies and Gentlemen met at the *Town-Hall* of the City of *Bath*, on the 28th of *March* 1769, that a Resolution of the Friends of Mr. PLOMER, published in the *Bath and Bristol Chronicle* of the 23d Instant, in the following Words, "That three Days Notice was the shortest that would

"be

" be expected by the Company, to render any Meet-
" ing for the Election of a Maſter of the Ceremo-
" nies valid," ſhould be ſtrictly adhered to.

It is the Opinion of this Aſſembly, that Sir *John More*, Mr. *Coxe*, and Capt. *Sawyer*, communicate the above Reſolution to the Ladies and Gentlemen aſſembling and aſſembled this Day at *Gyde's Room*; and that they do, in the Names of this Meeting, *proteſt* againſt any Election before the Expiration of three Days.

It is the Opinion of the preſent Meeting, that the Ladies and Gentlemen aſſembled at *Gyde's Room*, in proceeding to the immediate Election of a Maſter of the Ceremonies, notwithſtanding the above Meſſage ſo communicated, have invaded their Rights as Subſcribers to the Balls.

And it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that *Friday* next at Twelve o'Clock be appointed for the Election of a Maſter of the Ceremonies at *Simpſon's Rooms*, and that public Notice be given of ſuch Election.

CLARE, *in the* CHAIR.

A LETTER from the CITIZENS of BRISTOL TO THE NOBILITY and GENTRY reſiding in BATH.

Meſſrs.

AS by your preſent and former Diſſentions in the Choice of a Maſter of the Ceremonies, you have proved yourſelves to be unacquainted with Buſineſs, and totally unqualified to act for yourſelves: We (the under-named Subſcribers to the Balls at Bath) your Neighbours and Brethren, propoſe to take upon us the Management of the ap-

proaching Election, well knowing, that Men of Rank and Fortune are the worſt Judges in the World of their own Affairs, and that the Perſons the moſt intereſted in Events are, of all others, the leaſt proper to have any Share in their Determination. Moved by theſe Conſiderations, and animated by the Example of our Correſpondents in the Metropolis, we have generouſly reſolved to eaſe you of the Trouble of governing yourſelves, by placing at your Head our beloved Mr. P——R, the Controller of our Pleaſures, and Maſter of our Feſtivities, we cannot ſay—Ceremonies, as we live in a Society which know no Diſtinctions. Confident that you can have no Objection to this friendly and reaſonable Meaſure, we deſire that you would give us three Days Notice, that we may be in a Condition to appear in Public, and have Time to compleat our Voyage, as we propoſe to travel to *Bath* in the One-Day Barge: And, that you may more clearly underſtand the Qualities and Value of the Goods to be imported, we herewith ſend you an Invoice or Bill of Lading.

Mr. Farrell, *Tobacco Merchant and Chandler.*
Mr. Shute, *Cheeſe-Monger.*
Mr. Reade, *Linen-Merchant.*
Mr. Jer. Baker, *Linen-Merchant.*
Mr. Joſ. Smith, *Rope-Maker.*
Mr. Hayward, *Block-Merchant.*
Mr. E. Morgan, *Sugar-Baker.*
Mr. Batterſby, *Sugar-Baker and Quaker.*
Mr. P. Farr, *Rope-Maker and Merchant.*
Mr. Debany, *Sugar-Baker.*
Mr. R. Vaughan, *Linen-Draper.*
Mr. Turner, *Deal-Merchant.*
Mr. John Moſs, *Apothecary.*
Mr. King, *Glaſs Bottle-Maker.*
Mr. Edgar, *White-Lead Worker.*
Mr. Harmer, *Woollen-Draper.*
Mr. Herbert, *Confectioner.*
Mr. Loſcombe, *Grocer and Quaker.*
Mr. Turton, *Iron Manufacturer.*
Mr. Maſklin, *Wine-Merchant.*
Mr. Longden, *Inſurance-Broker.*
Mr. John Farr, *Tobacconiſt.*
Mr. Perry, *Currier, left off Buſineſs.*
Mr. Hays, *Under-Writer.*
CUM MULTIS ALIIS.

March 28, 1769.

Copy of a Letter received by a Gentleman at Bath, and read this Day at the Parade Coffee-House.

"INDEED, my dear Sir, it is a noble Reſolution you have taken to try all that is in your Power to prevent ſuch an infamous V—— as -------- from being Maſter of the Ceremonies. It is, as you very juſtly obſerve, ſerving the Public in the higheſt Manner; and all who are not of this Stamp, I ſhould think, will moſt heartily join with you. It would give me great Satisfaction could I, in the ſmalleſt Degree, be aſſiſting in preventing ſuch a Wretch from impoſing himſelf on the Public; not ſo much, I can truly ſay, from a Motive of Revenge for the Injury he has done me, as to prevent others from falling into his helliſh Snares.

"You may depend that what follows is ſtrictly true: It was the latter End of 1763, or the Beginning of 1764, in which I cannot be exact, as ——'s Letters are with my Lawyer in London, and I did not keep Copies of mine which I wrote from the Mount Coffee-Houſe, I received a Letter from him, dated from ſome Place in ——ſhire, telling me he was much ſurpriſed, &c. that my Note to him, which he had indorſed to one *P——ng*, was not paid; he and others having drained me of my ready Money, they took my Note for the Sums they cheated me of.

"From various Circumſtances I was at laſt convinced, that this Man was a downright Cheat at Cards; and in Anſwer to his Letter I plainly told him my Sentiments, and of his Behaviour to me, and that I would not pay him what he had won of me till I thought proper. About ten Days after this, I received a Note from him, ſent to me in George-

Street,

Street, and dated from the Queen's-Arms in Bond-Street; in which he acquainted me, that, in Conſequence of my Letter, he was come in Perſon to anſwer it; and came to Town, poſt, for no other Purpoſe, and therefore deſired I would come to him. I locked his Note up in my Deſk, took my Sword, and went to him: He was in a back Room, up Stairs, ſitting at a Table, with two Wax Lights and a Bottle of Claret before him. Our Salutation, you muſt think, was very cool: He then took my Letter out of his Pocket, and read it out;—after he had finiſh'd it, he aſked me if theſe were my Thoughts of him? I ſaid, *Yes!*—Will you not retract them? *No, I never will.*—Will you pay me? *No, not 'till I think proper.*—He then ſaid, there was only one Way left for us to ſettle Accounts, and immediately got up, locked the Door, and fetched from behind a Curtain a Brace of large Piſtols, after loading which, we each by Conſent retired into an oppoſite Corner: He told me to fire; I anſwered, I ſhould reſerve mine, and bid him fire. In ſhort, after a good deal of Altercation, he ſaid, it was very fooliſh our quarrelling, and that he would truſt to my Honour, deſiring what had paſſed might be kept ſecret; and after drinking a Glaſs of his Claret which he had filled out, we both went to the Mount.

" Here you ſee the Bully. The worſt Part of his Conduct is to come.——

" I have for a long Time preſſed my Sollicitor Mr. —— to bring an Action againſt ——, to compel him to deliver up two Notes he has of mine; and when this Winter in London, [I urged it ſo cloſe, and gave him the neceſſary Particulars, that he filed a Bill againſt him,] his Anſwer to it, to my great Aſtoniſhment, was, That one was a Gaming Debt

Debt which he was ready to deliver up; but as to the other, which he calls a Bond for 190l. he ſwore poſitively was for Money lent me to prevent an Execution being brought into my Houſe, but that no Perſon was by when he gave me the Money, in Conſequence of which I was arreſted here at his Suit. Thank God I had Friends who gave Bail for me.

"I immediately went to London to adviſe with my Sollicitor and Lawyer what was beſt to be done to ſtop the V——n's Progreſs. They both were of Opinion to indite him immediately at the Old Bailey for *Perjury*, if after aſking Council's Opinion he ſhould think the ſame; but his Anſwer was, that in a Crime of this Nature there muſt be two Evidences, otherwiſe it could not be done, ſo I was obliged to drop that Scheme. I have ſince, according to Form, given in ſpecial Bail, and there at preſent this Affair reſts. But if he does not proceed next Term, I will, I do aſſure you. I have at Times had Thoughts of ſending you an Account of this very baſe Tranſaction of his, but have been ill for ſix Weeks paſt with a ſlow Fever and Head-Ach.

"You deſired an Anſwer by the Return of the Poſt, ſo you muſt excuſe the confuſed Manner in which I ſend you this. But the Facts you may (I again repeat it) depend on, and which I am ready to make an Affidavit of whenever called on; and you have my free Conſent to make what Uſe you pleaſe of the above.

"My wife joins in ſincerely wiſhing you a ſpeedy Re-eſtabliſhment of your Health, and in Hopes you will viſit us this Summer.——Adieu! my dear Sir, and be aſſured I am, truly and ſincerely,

Your Friend, &c.

Saffron-Walden, March 23, 1769. JOSEPH FELL."

BATH, *March* 29, 1769.

To the NOBILITY and GENTRY.

MR. PLOMER, gratefully ſenſible of the repeated Honors conferr'd on him by the Subſcribers to this Great Aſſembly, humbly preſumes to take this Method of expreſſing his dutiful Acknowledgment of them; at the ſame Time ſolliciting the additional Favor of an Appearance in his Intereſt on the Day of Election, which is fixed for *Friday* the 31ſt Inſtant, in Mr. *Simpſon's Room*, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon.

Should Mr. *Plomer* prove ſo fortunate as to ſucceed to his Wiſhes, he is not without Hopes that his future Conduct in Life will prove him to be not altogether unworthy of thoſe Recommendations which his Friends have already been pleaſed to lay before the Public.

To the PUBLIC.

IS the Choice of a *Maſter of the Ceremonies* to be determined by the *Subſcribers* who are, at the Time, reſident in *Bath*, or by thoſe who are abſent?

How can the Friends of Mr. *P——r* aſſert, that a Notice given at Eight in the Morning of a Meeting to be held at One in the Afternoon was not ſufficient, when they themſelves, on a later Notice, had Time to aſſemble in the *Town-Hall* at Half paſt Eleven?——Should it be ſaid, they had only Time to aſſemble a ſmall Number of their Friends, they in this Caſe deſtroy the Force of their *Proteſt*, or muſt be reduced to the Neceſſity of maintaining that the *Minority* ſhould over-rule the *Majority*.

If the appointing the Time of an Election is a Step neceſſary to be made previous to the Election itſelf, by whom is this Appointment to be determined?--by the Majority or the Minority? If by the Majority, then the Subſcribers aſſembled at *Gyde's Room*, on *Tueſday* the 28th, had a Right to determine the Time, and proceed to an Election in Conſequence of that Determination, as they formed a Majority of the whole Number of Subſcribers at that Hour upon the Liſt.

That the Notice given was *general*, cannot be denied, and that it was ſufficient for the Purpoſe of coming to a fair and impartial Election, is manifeſt from hence,—That, had the whole Number of the Subſcribers upon the Ball Liſt been preſent at the Hour of Election, the Number of thoſe who aſſembled on the 28th, who determined to come to an immediate Election, rejected the Proteſt, and nominated Mr. BRERETON to be Maſter of the Ceremonies, would have formed a *Majority* of the *Whole*.

The Number of Subſcribers upon the Ball Liſt at the Time of the Election, - - -	519	
The Number of thoſe who have left Bath ſince they ſubſcribed to the Ball Liſt, -	28	
The Number of thoſe Subſcribers who have declared a Neutrality, - - -	7	
		35
		484
Number of Subſcribers who voted for Mr. Brereton,	262	
		222
Majority		40

An Objection to thoſe whoſe Names were thrown into the Ball Liſt, though they were abſent from Bath,

Bath, (which Objection would be inſuperable, were it inſiſted upon,) is omitted, as it clearly appears that Mr. *Brereton* has every Way a Majority, and for that Reaſon only it is thought unneceſſary to inſiſt upon it.

The Truth of this Repreſentation, with Reſpect to the Numbers, will appear upon comparing the Liſt of the Subſcribers upon the Ball Book with Mr. *Brereton's* Liſt, which will be opened for the Inſpection of any Perſon who deſires to ſee it.

To Mr. PLOMER's *Counſellor* and *Counſellors.*

GENTLEMEN, BATH, March 30th, 1769.

I Was two Days ago one of the Number of Mr. P——R's Friends: The Reaſons for my leaving you, I will give in the following ADDRESS; and let me aſſure you, though I alone have written to you, that I am not *ſingular* in my Converſion, as you perhaps may diſcover To-Morrow.

When I firſt joined you, I was indeed ſurpriſed at the great Diſagreement and little Ingenuity I found among you; but this did not alter my Sentiments, for the beſt Cauſe may have clumſy Advocates; but when I diſcovered that the *Cauſe* was to be ſupported by any Means, and that BRERETON was to be diſtreſſed, and vilified in any the moſt outrageous and ungentlemanlike Manner, I diſcovered my Averſion to ſuch Proceedings to ſome of the Party, and now publiſh my Objections, to be anſwered by all or any of you, and at the ſame Time promiſing to return to my Colours, if even your *Machiavel*, with all his Wit, Wiſdom, Subtlety, and *Law*, can give the leaſt Reaſon for your Conduct.

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The firſt Queſtion that I ſhall aſk, and to which I never yet could get a direct, unembarraſſed Anſwer, is this:—Have you not procured the Names of Many, to be ſet down as Subſcribers to the Balls, merely to enlarge the Liſt of Mr. *Plomer*'s Friends, and who, from their Situations in Life, are totally ignorant of, and unconcerned with the Ceremonies of this Place, and therefore are juſtly excluded from the Right of voting for a Maſter of the Ceremonies? Or, will any Gentleman of your Party (for there are reſpectable ones among you) declare, that ſuch a Right can be purchaſed for Two-and-Forty Shillings?—I am ſure that all Counſellor *W——n*'s Eloquence cannot induce one Gentleman to make ſo diſingenuous a Declaration. From the Moment I was convinced that Numbers of that Kind were upon the Liſt, I diſavowed the *Cauſe* that could take *ſuch Meaſures* to ſupport it.

My ſecond Queſtion is,—Have you not in the moſt trumpery, ungrammatical Paper, that ever was publiſhed,—addreſſed *To the Nobility and Gentry reſiding at, or reſorting to Bath*, dated the 27th of March,—endeavoured (by an aukward Attempt at Humour) to ridicule Mr. *Brereton*'s Friends, as impudent, ignorant *Iriſhmen*, when you are conſcious that ſome reſpectable People of that Nation are with your own Party, and that many *Engliſh* Gentlemen of Family and Fortune are with the other?——Whom did you put in the Chair at the laſt Meeting? Was *He* an *Engliſhman*?—And *Who* was it that propoſed the Election of a *Maſter of the Ceremonies* from the Balcony to a Room full of Ladies and Gentlemen, when for Reaſons (beſt known to yourſelves) you would not attend the Majority

of Subſcribers and the fair Election of Mr. *B——n?* Was *He* an *Iriſhman?*

Now, to make Uſe of your own ingenious Words,—*Bluſh, if it be poſſible!*

When you, the *Minority*, had fixed the Day and Hour of your Meeting, to ſet aſide the Election of the *Majority*, What did you do? Why, commit Blunders upon Blunders;—advertiſe for one Room, then advertiſe for another, and then another Advertiſement to ſtand by the firſt, and at laſt a Fourth to own the Miſtakes, and fix upon one Room; for by that Time you had found out that it would be inconvenient, if not impoſſible, to meet at Two Places at once.——As I mean to do juſtice to every Man, I muſt acknowledge that this laſt great Diſcovery was made ſolely by Mr. Counſellor *W——n.* —*Who are in the Bogs now, Gentlemen?*

But this is only to give a Sample of your Heads; I will now preſent you and the Public with an Inſtance of the Goodneſs of your Hearts:——When Mr. *Brereton* was nominated by a Majority of the then rightful Subſcribers, as Coadjutor to Mr. *Derrick*, he was not oppoſed; but has performed the Duty of the Place with Care, Propriety, and, what we have not lately ſeen, with Dignity.—As this was the Caſe, and the Gentleman lived here with his Family, was it not natural to ſuppoſe that, in Caſe of Mr. *Derrick*'s Death, he would ſucceed to the Maſterſhip? And would it not have been more liberal in his Opponents, to have produced any virulent *Accuſations* againſt him during his Probation, than have deferred it 'till the Evening before, or the Morning of the Election, when it was impoſſible for the *Accuſed* to vindicate himſelf?—And yet this was done;—done with great Triumph, and a

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moſt foul Letter of Abuſe and Calumny produced, I hope not, as it is ſaid, by a Rev. Clergyman, (*tantæne Animis Cœleſtibus Iræ!*) to deſtroy a Man when it was impoſſible for him to defend himſelf; and juſt at a Time when he was to be elected to a Place, the Loſs of which might have been the Ruin of Himſelf and Family for ever!

But this black Buſineſs was ſoon held in the juſt Contempt it deſerved; and I will do you, Gentlemen, the Juſtice to believe, that you *now* feel that this was (to ſay no more) a moſt unjuſtifiable and unmanly Proceeding.——Dean *Swift* ſays, (I hope you will have no Objection to him as an Iriſhman) that, *when a Man calls Names, you may be ſure that his Truth and his Reaſon are run out, that his Paſſion is only the guggling of the Dregs of the Veſſel.*——Will you permit me to ſay, and to hope and believe, that this preſent Acrimony, and unneceſſary Heat, is only the *guggling* of your Diſappointment? And may I flatter myſelf, that you will not think me very culpable for ſeparating from you for the Reaſons above-mentioned?—You have made me a warm well-wiſher and Friend of Mr. *B——n*; and he who does not defend his perſecuted Friend, *Horace* (who is not an Iriſhman) ſays, *Niger eſt, hunc tu Romane caveto;*—which for the Sake of Mr. Counſellor *W——n*, I tranſlate thus—*Niger eſt*—He is a Lawyer without Conſcience, and you ſhould enter your *Caveat* againſt him.

I am, Gentlemen, not your's at preſent, T. R.

QUERIES *and* REMARKS *on ſome late Proceedings.*

BATH, March 30, 1769.

IS it allowable, in a Society of Gentlemen, to repreſent One-Third of that Society as Fortune-Hunters, impudent, and incapable of Bluſhing?

Does Modeſty conſiſt in telling Lies in a Whiſper, or, in guarding againſt Detection by anonymous Hand-Bills?

Is it Modeſty, or Impudence, when detected in a Falſehood, to brave it under the Protection of a L— C— J——?

Was it conſiſtent with Juſtice to publiſh, on the Authority of one Man, abſent and a profeſſed Enemy, an Accuſation which tended to the Diſgrace and preſent Ruin of another?

Does it not appear, by the Letter itſelf, that the Accuſation which it contains was ſollicited, and applied for?

Mr. *B——n* has been many Years an Inhabitant of Bath; Himſelf uncenſured, his Family reſpected. His Innocence has forced his Enemies to fly the Teſt of Truſt; to caſt their dark Plot in a diſtant Scene; to become the Sollicitors of an odious and vindictive Crimination; the Attornies, the Proxies, of a pitiful Calumniator.

The Letter-Writer, not content with declaring Mr. *B——n* to be an infamous V——n, affirms, that all thoſe who ſupport him muſt be as infamous as himſelf: The Publiſhers of this Letter are reſponſible for its Contents.——Mr. *Fell* owes his Security to the Diſtance at which he acts: His Agents indeed ſtand forth; we know where they will ſtand, with broad Faces and trembling Limbs, under the miſerable Protection of a *Bath Magiſtrate*.

It is not meant that a ſingle Article of this Charge ſhould be placed to the Account of Mr. *Plomer*: His Inſignificance ſecures him from the Suſpicion of having acted a Principal, or, indeed any Part in his own Cauſe. But, as his Facility on this Occaſion threatens us with the Continuance of this delegated Authority,

Authority, he muſt not wonder that we ſhould feel an Abhorrence of falling under the Dominion of Mr. *Fell*'s Agents.

It is confeſſed that Mr. *Plomer* has had the Happineſs to engage in his Cauſe many Perſons of Worth and Honour; by what Fatality has it been, that the Management of his Cauſe has fallen to the only bad Heads and Hearts of his Party?——I will tell you, Mr. *Plomer*,—it is a trite Obſervation, that every Advantage in this Life has its Counter-agent; there was no Balance to your good Fortune, but in your Ignorance.

BATH, March 31, 1769.

THE public Inſult, which Mr. *Plomer* received laſt Night in Mr. *Simpſon's Rooms*, calls for the following Vindication of that Gentleman's Character, both in Juſtice to him and to thoſe who ſupport his Cauſe.

Mr. *Plomer*'s Friends being apprehenſive that ſome Violence might be committed on his Perſon, and judging, from many obvious Reaſons, how improper his Reſentment would appear on ſuch an Occaſion, ſtrictly enjoined him to reſtrain from that Return of Violence, which an Attack upon a Gentleman's Perſon or Character demands, and that he ſhould have Recourſe to the Protection of the Law. —As Mr. *Plomer* ſtood in this Situation, and acted according to the poſitive Injunctions of his Friends, they alone are anſwerable for ſuch a Conduct, and they appeal to the Candour of the Public for the Propriety of their Proceedings.

To

To Mr. ********.

SIR, March 31ſt, 1769.

I Received your Letter, in which you threaten me with a Proſecution. I have done Wrong to no Man; and therefore have nothing to fear. If Mr. FELL has done you any, (which I am ſatisfied he has not,) the Law is open, and will ſeverely puniſh him: And he has ſufficient Property *yet left* to make him very reſponſible for Damages. As to myſelf, what I have done in this Affair I ſhall always avow, as I ſcorn to be a concealed Enemy to any Man.

I have taken the Part of a much injured Family, my Friend's; and, if I miſtake not, of the *Public*, which has the firſt Claim upon our Love and Service, before a *falſe Compaſſion* to Individuals, or *mean national Prejudices*. From theſe Motives, not from Perſonal Reſentments or Connections, I have oppoſed your Election; and I have done it openly, at the Expence of that Eaſe and Quiet which my State of Health requires, and in which I would always wiſh to live.

That I have not oppoſed you from National Prejudices is evident; becauſe I was a Friend and Advocate for your Countryman Mr. DERRICK, againſt the *Committee*, as far as my little Intereſt would go. For *Engliſhmen* are above thoſe little ſordid, local Partialities, which they have in all Places and upon all Occaſions to encounter in their ungenerous Neighbours. Not to diſguiſe my Sentiments, I do not think you, Sir, a proper Perſon for the Office you ſollicit, nor that you have any juſt Pretenſions to it; though ſome of your Champions have attempted to ſeize it with the Hand of Violence, in the Abſence

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and againſt the Opinion and Conſent of the greateſt Perſonages in this Kingdom:—A Preſumption extremely offenſive and diſguſting to all modeſt Perſons. As if a few foreign Families, of whatever Nation, coming here from Motives of Health, Pleaſure, *Intereſt*, or *Convenience*, have a Right to *take* the *Lead*, direct the Amuſements, and give *Law* to the *Natives*. We can eaſily conceive how an Handful of *Engliſh*, taking the ſame Liberty at *Aix* or *Spa*, would be treated, even though they could talk and threaten ever ſo loud; as thoſe are apt to do, who have neither Reaſon nor Juſtice to ſupport their Pretenſions.

In ſhort, if your Countrymen and their preſent Allies will forget their Nationality, and mix cordially with the *Engliſh*, you will find that *Tros Tyriuſve nobis nullo Diſcrimine habetur;* but if you will ſeparate from us, and cabal together, and ſtrive in a Body for a Power and Influence which do not belong to you, I hope, though ſome may prove ſo mean and degenerate as to abett your Uſurpation, that others will not be wanting to give it a Check, and make you ſenſible of the Abſurdity as well as Indecency of ſuch a Behaviour.

I am, Sir, your very humble Servant, &c.

T. N———TE.

P. S. I have juſt ſeen the Aſperſions and oblique Threats thrown out againſt Mr. Fell in a very abſurd Hand-Bill, which rather expoſes than ſerves your Cauſe. In Anſwer to it I will only ſay, that it will be Time enough to call him a *pitiful Calumniator*, when you can invalidate any Part of his Charge. He has proved himſelf a Man of Honour in charging you *openly* in the Face of the Sun; and having

having already faced you with your own Weapons, and *faced you down*, he has proved himſelf to be alſo a Man of Spirit; and I believe no Gentleman will think him obliged ever to meet you again upon this, or any other Occaſion, unleſs it be before a Magiſtrate, or in a Court of Juſtice. So much I thought neceſſary to ſay for my abſent Friend, tho' indeed it is rather paying a Compliment to what has been offered to the Public againſt him.

March 31, 1769.

THIS is to give Notice, that the Poll-Books for the Maſter of the Ceremonies will be opened To-Morrow, at Eleven o'Clock, at *Simpſon's Card-Room*, and continued 'till Three, when they will be finally cloſed.

April the 1ſt, 1769.

OUR Poll-Books this Day
For, oh! my Noſe!*
At *Simpſon's* by Three
Will finally cloſe.

* Alluding to the public Inſult above-mentioned.

To Mr. PLOMER's FRIENDS.

Quid verum, atque decens, curo, & rogo, & omnis in hoc ſum.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

MAY a cool diſpaſſionate Man have the Liberty to be heard a few Words in the Midſt of your Hurry, Heat, and Violence?——You will at leaſt find that I differ from you, with a little more Rea-

ſon

ſon and much leſs Ill-Manners than both Sides have hitherto ſhewn to each other.

If you will pay me the Compliment to believe me ſincere in my Declaration, I will do you the Juſtice to believe you open to Conviction, if you would allow yourſelves Time to conſider, and be cool.

You have proceeded to an Election of a *Maſter of the Ceremonies*, which you, by your Advertiſements, have acknowledged to be the Reſult of a Conſultation of *Mr. Plomer's Friends* only, and not of the Subſcribers in general,—ſo that the Determination will be ever conſidered as *partial*, I am afraid, *unjuſt*, and conſequently *ineffectual*.

And how will you anſwer, that at the Time you were repreſenting the whole Company, you will find by caſting your Eyes upon the Subſcription-Books, that you the *Minority* (Mr. *Plomer's Friends*) were giving Laws to the *Majority*, who were called together by the *general* Name of *Subſcribers*, and elected Mr. *Brereton*, in a fair and *impartial* Manner, and according to *Precedent*.

When you, Mr. *Plomer's Friends*, ſent three very reſpectable Gentlemen from the Town-Hall to Gyde's Room, what did the Meſſage import? Why truly, that Mr. *Plomer's Friends* (not the Subſcribers) had determined that there ſhould be three Days Notice; and that every Act of Courſe was null and void, that did not come from Mr. *Plomer's* Friends, and, let me repeat it again, without ſaying in any of your Advertiſements that thoſe *Friends* were *Subſcribers*.

If there is a Sort of *natural*, *native* Right to the *Maſterſhip of the Ceremonies*, it ſurely belongs to BRERETON; he has been appointed *Coadjutor to Mr. Derrick*, by the Subſcribers; has ſupplied the Place

with Care and Attention; and lives with his Family at Bath:—And if there is an *Elective* Right neceſſary to confirm him in the Place, has he not had the Votes of the *Majority* of the *Subſcribers*, convened for that Purpoſe, and only diſputed by Mr. *Plomer's Friends*, who were aſſembled at the Town-Hall by that Name, to give Laws, and *undo* whatever the Subſcribers in general ſhould determine.

And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, are you not alarmed a little to find, by this Morning's Tranſaction, that you have been the Dupes of a few deſigning Men? Have they not poured a great Number of People in upon you, whom you never ſaw before, and perhaps will never ſee again, merely for the Purpoſe of ſwelling the Liſt?——Have you not heard ſome Perſons who call themſelves Gentlemen deny, with Warmth deny, ſuch an evil Intention? ——And are you not ſatisfied, too late, for what unjuſtifiable Reaſons the Election has been poſtponed for three Days by Mr. *Plomer's Friends?* As your own Eyes have had Conviction of this Truth, may not I ſuppoſe your Hearts to ſay with *Hudibras*

When Pique and Party lead the Way,
We feel too late, the beſt may ſtray?

April 1, 1769.

THE Ball for Mr. BRERETON, Maſter of the Ceremonies, will be on Monday next, at SIMPSON'S.

April 1, 1769.

TO put an End to all farther Contention relative to the Election of a Maſter of the Ceremonies, and to prevent thoſe ill Effects which there is but too

too much Reaſon to apprehend may reſult from the preſent Animoſities which have ariſen from this Conteſt; the following Propoſitions are offered to the Conſideration of both Parties.

1ſt, That the Surplus of the Subſcription Money be applied to Charitable Uſes.

2d, That each of the preſent Candidates ſhall have a Ball.

3d, That a Third Perſon ſhall be elected *Maſter of the Ceremonies.*

4th, That the Perſon elected ſhall, in Conſideration of Mrs. B——N's large Family, pay her 100l. per Ann. during his Continuance in that Office.

To the SUBSCRIBERS to the BALLS.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

A Subſcriber, unintereſted in the preſent Conteſts for Mr. *Derrick*'s Employment, preſumes to lay before you the following Conſiderations.

That each Party, in their Zeal for their favourite Candidate, have mutually repreſented each other as Gamblers and Fortune-Hunters, on one Side; as Tallow-Chandlers, Cheeſemongers, Rope-makers, &c. on the other: That the Publick hath been offended, and the Decencies of private Converſation violated by Tales, it is hoped, of Malice and Calumny: That Complaints and Reproaches of Irregularity, Precipitation, Injuſtice, and *Invaſion of Rights*, have been urged with Virulence and Acrimony by both Parties: That as the Numbers in each Liſt are nearly equal, a very conſiderable Minority will be diſobliged by the Succeſs of the Majority; that, conſequently, as the Income of the Perſon, whom

whom you ſhall pleaſe to appoint the Maſter of the Ceremonies, ariſes from your voluntary Subſcriptions to his Balls, it will be greatly leſſened, and therefore inſufficient to maintain the real Importance, if we may not rather call it the Dignity of his Office: That the Candidate who ſhall ſucceed, if he be not inſenſible to the Feelings of human Nature, or greatly ſuperior to its Frailties; if he hath any Senſe of Friendſhip and Obligations, of Honour and Gratitude, he will certainly find himſelf often diſtreſſed between his private Engagements and his public Duty: That it will be difficult, if not impoſſible for him, to preſerve an Independence, Equality, and Integrity, eſſential to his Office: That whoever conſiders the unhappy Spirit of Diſputing, that even in the Moment of aſſerting its Reſolutions of Equity and Moderation, it is frequently enflamed to an ill-manner'd Heat, to Violence and Outrage: That it has already tranſgreſſed all Bounds of Good-Breeding, if not of Truth, by low, illiberal Irony, by Revilings, by open Scandal, or dark Inſinuations, not to be repeated; but which, if not *wholly* falſe, ſhould diſqualify both the Candidates for an Employment, under which the Beauty and Virtue, the Youth and Inexperience of both Sexes are placed for Protection from Rudeneſs and Seduction; for Security from Ruin, and the bad Arts of Gamblers.

If this Repreſentation be founded in Truth, undeniable, and upon Facts too eaſily proved; who will not be alarmed for the very Being of Bath,—I mean, as a Place of Amuſement, good Humour, and good Breeding? Is it then *abſolutely* neceſſary, that either of the preſent Candidates ſhall be choſen? May not ſome third Perſon appear, who has neither Enemies to malign his private Reputation, nor Friends

Friends too zealous in defending it; who is neither threatened with the Reſentments of a *great* and *powerful* Party, nor turned into Ridicule by the *well-intentioned* Offices of his Friends; who being neither influenced by perſonal Kindneſſes, or perſonal Injuries, will conſider himſelf as the Servant of the Publick? Such a Perſon, Ladies and Gentlemen, will do honour to your Choice; and, by an uninfluenced, unbiaſſed Conduct in his Office, may hope to continue in it, beyond next Autumn, which in all Probability will put a Period to the Employment of either of the preſent Candidates.

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

Let me preſume to recommend another Conſideration to your Judgment, or indeed rather to your Humanity:—A Sum of Money, amounting to little leſs than Eleven Hundred Guineas, has been ſubſcribed upon this Occaſion;---in Compaſſion to the Diſappointment of the two Candidates, you may order it to be divided between them, firſt deducting the uſual Expences of the Rooms. Then as Mr. *B——n* has officiated for ſome Time paſt, you may permit him to have a Ball in the fulleſt Part of the Seaſon; but the Goodneſs of your own Hearts, your Equity, your Humanity, will direct you better than the Writer of this Paper preſumes to be capable of doing.

Let him only beg to be forgiven this Preſumption. Let him be permitted to expreſs his Wiſhes for ſeeing the Tranquility of Bath reſtored, and to profeſs the Reſpect, with which he has the Honour to be,

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

Your moſt obedient Servant,

A SUBSCRIBER.

REASONS *and* QUESTIONS, *to be anſwered by Mr.* P----R's Friends, *why* M-J-R -------- *ſhould not be confirmed and eſtabliſhed Maſter of the Ceremonies.*

IS he not a Man of Character?

Is he not ſupported by a Set of Gentlemen and Ladies of as great, or greater Rank and Fortune, than were ever known to be in *Bath* ſince King *Bladud*'s Days?

Does not his Rank as Major in the Army put him above any other of the Candidates by a Pike's Length?

Is he not the intimate Friend of Mr. ——, who is allowed to be the braveſt Man in the Kingdom, by daring to do what no brave Man ever did before?

Was his Religion ever ſuſpected? Is he not happily free in his Opinion on that Matter?

Is he not an excellent Huſband, a provident Parent; a pleaſant, inſtructive, agreeable Companion; an Enemy to every Kind of Vice?

Without enlarging further upon many other great Qualifications which he poſſeſſes, I ſhall only aſſure the Public, and that upon my Honour, I do really and truly believe, there never was, nor ever will be again, ſuch a Man offer himſelf for Maſter of the Ceremonies at *Bath*.

I am only amazed, in theſe degenerate Times, a Man of ſo many Virtues ſhould be ſo well ſupported: *Virtus laudatur & alget* ſhall no more be repeated by Pedants or School-Boys.

How happy muſt this lucky Event make all Parents and Guardians, when they may be aſſured Young Perſons of Rank and Fortune can now paſs a Seaſon at *Bath* as ſafely as the beauteous *Godiva* paſſed through *Coventry*.

BATH, April 3, 1769.

To the NOBILITY *and* GENTRY.

MR. PLOMER, being elected *Maſter of the Ceremonies* of this Place, with the utmoſt Reſpect returns his grateful Acknowledgments and Thanks to the Company, preſuming to hope that no Part of his Conduct has given juſt Offence in this reſpectable Community.

At the ſame Time he begs Leave to aſſure the Public, with the ſtricteſt Sincerity, that he laments the Heats and Animoſities ariſen amongſt the Company in ſome Meaſure on his Account; but he confides in the Candour of the Subſcribers in general, that they will not violate the eſtabliſhed Rules merely for the Sake of Oppoſition.

He therefore gives this Notice, that *Gyde's Rooms* will be open in Courſe this Night, where he humbly hopes that the Nobility and Gentry, who are inclined to ſupport their Nomination, will appear; and when, with their Approbation, he will take upon himſelf the Exerciſe of his Office.

To the LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN, *who are yet uninfluenced by Party or Faction in the preſent Election.*

LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

YOUR Intereſts are united by the ſtrong Hand of Nature. She hath given to both Sexes thoſe Powers, which equally promote each other's Happineſs. Upon their Union all the deareſt Charities of ſocial Life are founded. Surely then, not with an Intention of dividing them, does the Writer of this Paper preſume to conſider them ſeparately; while

while he hopes they may be happily united to reſtore the Peace and Tranquility of what was lately the moſt delightful Town in Europe.

LADIES,

I would not alarm you with imaginary Dangers; and you may yet prevent them if they be real. But when a Partiſan of one of your Candidates declared *laſt Friday*, as by the Authority of his Party, "That "the Ladies might go *that Night* without Apprehen- "ſion to the Ball, and aſſured them, that Mr. *Brere-* "*ton* ſhould not be diſturbed in the Ceremonies of "that Night by Mr. *Plomer*'s Friends."——What could this Declaration, this Aſſurance, mean? Were they deſigned to intimidate, or to encourage? Was not the very promiſed Protection of *that Night*, an alarming Menace of Danger for every other? What then, Ladies! are you never to go to a Ball hereafter, without Apprehenſions of Tumult and Confuſion? Yet ſome Excuſe may be pleaded for it, as it almoſt neceſſarily aroſe from an Act of Violence committed upon one of your Candidates.

GENTLEMEN,

Every Man of Spirit is the natural Guardian of the Female Sex. It is *your* Duty, therefore, to inquire into the Circumſtances of this Act of Violence; nor are you yourſelves unconcerned in it. The *Candidates* for this diſputed Office ſhould be equally protected by both Parties. The Injury offered to Mr. *P*——*r* was indeed perſonal; but the Affront, the Inſult, the Indignity, was offered to You. Permit me only to ſay that, in my Opinion, it is difficult to determine, Whether this Outrage was more atrocious, or the tame, paſſive Spirit of not reſenting it, (*though by the Advice of Friends*) was more contemptible.

But

But a mediating Scheme is propoſed. The Candidates ſhall draw Lots, or cut the Cards, or Croſs or Pile, for the Choice of the Guineas in the Subſcription Books, or of this well diſputed Office. A very proper Scheme to determine the Merit of your Candidates. Then how compaſſionate is it? How cruel would it be to let a third Candidate run away with —— The Proverb, as Hamlet ſays, is ſomewhat muſty. But is there not an Air of Indignity to the Subſcribers in this mediating Scheme, and them who ſhall compel us to accept it? Is not the Money upon your Books, (if the Gentlemen are indeed ſuch Objects of Charity as they are repreſented) abundantly ſufficient to recompence their Month's Attendance? What Charity is due to a ſturdy Beggar, who ſolicits us indeed with a Tone of Poverty, but in laced Cloaths, Embroidery and Velvet? What Compaſſion do we owe to either of them for the Spirit of Obſtinacy, with which they ſtill perſevere in diſturbing the public Quiet? If they have both contributed to the preſent Confuſion, can we expect, that either of them ſhould be willing or able to reſtore us to that Harmony and Order, which they have interrupted, if not for ever deſtroyed?

I ſubſcribed for a Maſter, &c. of my own Choice. Shall another be impoſed upon me without my Conſent? I am no Gameſter, and who ſhall compel me to play? And is there no other Difference than that of Chance between our Candidates? What Right has even a Majority over my Subſcription? I will withdraw it, and then farewell for ever to Bath, and its almoſt Brentford Election of Bruiſers and Bludgeons.

I have ſaid, Ladies, that it is in your Power to prevent the Miſchiefs which threaten us. If the

Magiſtracy of Bath, which were greatly to be wiſhed, ſhall not think it their Duty, for the Preſervation of the public Peace, to forbid the Rooms to be opened this Evening, your Reſolution of not going to them will produce the ſame good Effect. You have experienced, that your Preſence has not been able to controul the Furiouſneſs of one Party, and the other is probably meditating Revenge. What a Scene for your Sex to appear in! Your Abſence may ſhame them into Temper. A Room full of Men! What a ridiculous Sight! What Wretches ſhould we be without You!

I have the Honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your moſt humble Servant,

April 4th, 1769. A NEUTRAL SUBSCRIBER.

The TWO KINGS of BATH.

Arma Virumque cano. VIRG.

WHILST neighbouring Kingdoms diſagree,
And talk of Wilkes and Liberty,
Penſions, Prerogatives, and Pow'r,
And utter Nonſenſe by the Hour
Of what their own poor barren Brain
From daily Journaliſts retain:
A lowlier Theme I humbly ſing,
Of whom hereafter may be KING
Of *Bladud*'s Realm, where Mirth ſhould reign,
But Diſcord now the Waters ſtain;
That Place, where *Venus* ſhould preſide,
The fiery *Mars* does ſeem to guide.
Say, Muſe, 'twixt whom the Conteſt lies;
Who bids the faireſt for the Prize;
For 'tis a Prize well worth Contention,
Attended with ſo good a Penſion.
Two Kings alike aſſert their Claim,
P**M*R and B**R*T*N by Name:
Not like *Brentfordian* Kings of old,
Of whom an ancient Story told,

And Theatres are daily telling,
Of marching, to one Noſegay ſmelling,
But oppoſite, in fierce Array,
Contending each to gain the Day.
  On one Side this Advantage lies,
In Favour of the precious Prize;
Early train'd up in all the Arts
Of fighting Kings of Clubs and Hearts,
Of combating with Queens and Knaves,
Whom he, by Force of Arms, outbraves;
A Man of Family and Name,
Witneſs his late Newmarket Fame;
In ſocial Duties well profeſs'd,
By Character a Duelliſt.
  The other, born and bred at *Briſtol*,
Unſkill'd in firing off a Piſtol,
Of Countenance ſerene and mild,
And innocent, as new-born Child,
Of all the little Ways and Arts
T' inveigle tender, Female Hearts,
Poſſeſs'd of no ſmall Share of Merit,
Not totally devoid of Spirit;
In gambling Schemes no Undertaker,
Nor by Profeſſion a Rope-maker,
For much the other ſeems afraid
Of the curſt Produce of that Trade,
Witneſs their *Briſtol* Liſt, I mean
Where in the Front that Trade is ſeen.
  On either Side a numerous Train
Of Friends, their Sov'reign's Right ſuſtain;
Lords, Ladies, 'Squires, help the Farce on,
Nor want they Benefit of Parſon;
W—b ſkill'd in Poetry and Painting,
And *G—r—k* in the Art of Fainting,
Whene'er he dies in *Juliet*'s Cauſe,
Or gay *Lothario*'s Picture draws:
Some Swagg'rers fierce, who foam and ſtorm,
With their tall Bully, C—t—n *O*——;
This *O*——, he never would be quiet,
Witneſs Miſs *S—m—ns*, and Miſs *Riot*,
Of whom 'tis ſaid, as Rumour tells,
He once did ſtorm their Citadels.
  The others, Men of milder Natures,
Of more compos'd and ſettled Features,

Stricter Obſervers of Decorum
'Mongſt Ladies, than to dare before 'em,
In public Rooms, attack Men's Noſes,
Which want of Decency ſuppoſes;
A Courage, 'tis a Thing well known,
Becomes an Ill, 'mongſt Ladies ſhown,
Nor is it a Diſtinction nice
To nominate it Cowardice.
As yet the Battle is depending,
Nor promiſes a ſpeedy Ending.
O! Spirit of King NASH, ariſe!
This mighty Diff'rence compromiſe;
Ariſe, with Olive Branches crown'd,
And ſtrew them thick o'er *Bladud*'s Ground;
Bring feſtive Humour in thy Train,
Bid ſocial Mirth her Seat regain;
Inſtead of pouting Looks and Frowns,
Fierce Eyes, and Party-colour'd Gowns,
Impreſs upon each Female Face
Returning Gleams of native Grace:
And if contentious Strife could ceaſe,
And liſten to the Voice of Peace,
Theſe Terms to both I would propoſe,
Which might the mighty Diff'rence cloſe:
If any Remnants of thy Race,
Are yet exiſting in this Place,
Let lineal Monarchy ſucceed,
And may the Son the Sire's wiſe Precepts heed.

A STATE *of Mr.* PLOMER's POLL, *&c.*

THE Numbers on the Subſcription-Book to the Balls, at Three o'Clock on Saturday, April 1ſt, 1769, were — — 606
The Abſentees and Neutrals, that are known to be ſuch, are — — — 86

520

The Number of Ladies and Gentlemen who voted for Mr. *Plomer*, as per Liſt, — 267

253

Theſe laſt Numbers were all that could poſſibly have voted for Mr. BRERETON, notwithſtanding (by his printed Account) he is ſaid to have had 262 that voted for him.——It is by this very evident that Mr. PLOMER on the Remainder of the Subſcribers, after deducting of the Abſentees, &c. as before-mentioned, has a clear Majority of fourteen Voices.

N. B. It is well known that the Names of many People are to be found in Mr. *Brereton*'s Account, who did not appear in Perſon at the Poll taken for him on Tueſday the 28th of March, 1769, from *One* o'Clock until *Three*, when they cloſed it. It is alſo obſerved, that the Method of taking the Poll for Mr. *Brereton* was very different from the Mode obſerved by the Gentlemen that took the Poll for Mr. *Plomer*, who were very careful not to admit one Perſon to vote who did not anſwer in the Affirmative to this previous Queſtion, *Have you ſubſcribed to the Balls, and paid your own Money?* Neither have they ſuffered one Perſon to ſubſcribe as a Voter, ſince the Time fixed for cloſing the Poll; notwithſtanding there were many Ladies and Gentlemen who (by Illneſs or Engagements) could not appear to vote, but who would have readily ſubſcribed as Voters to Mr. *Plomer*, if the Books had been carried to them; as it is well known Mr. *Brereton*'s Book was to his abſent Friends.

Rt. Hon. Lord Mountmorris	Mrs. Bayley
Right Hon. Lord Clare	Mrs. Smith
Hon. and Rev. Mr. Sherard	Mrs. Horſman
Sir Mark Parſons, Bart.	Rt. Hon. Lady C. Montague
Sir Boucher Wrey, Bart.	Miſs C. Bathurſt
Mr. Richard Shubrick	Mrs. E. Sawyer
John Brent, M. D.	Mrs. A. Colmore
Sir Edward Clive, Knt.	Mrs. S. Sawyer
Lady Houghton	Right Hon. Lady Bingley

Mrs. Denton
Mrs. Southwell
Lady Moore
Mrs. Pownell
Lady Goodricke
Mrs. Riggs
Mrs. Huſtler
Miſs Wright
Mr. Savage
Mrs. Shaw
Mrs. Daubuz
Mrs. Birkhead
Mrs. Cole
Miſs Cox
Mr. Mein
Mrs. Adamſon
Mrs. Bell
Mrs. Conyers
Mr. Adamſon
Mr. Tempeſt
Mr. Hare
Mr. Edgar
Mr. Moſeley
Mr. William Bragge
Mr. Le Merchant
Mr. Brickdale
Mrs. Eaton
Mr. Bennett
Mrs. F. Liſle
Mr. Hart
Mr. Herbert Sawyer
Mr. Meyrick
Miſs Coldham
Miſs F. Shaw
Mrs. Haye
Mrs. Ayleworth
Mr. Proudfoot
Mrs. Lempriere
Mr. J. Elton, Jun.
Mr. Ruſſell
Mrs. Foley
Mr. Partridge
Mr. Salter
Mrs. Enys
Mrs. Stephens

Mr. Pepper
Mrs. Williams
Mr. Smith
Mr. Taylor
Mr. Baitefeir
Mrs. Otway
Mrs. Henley
Mrs. Langton
Mr. Daubeny
Mr. Madox
Hon. Mrs. Raymond
Mr. Goodwin
Mrs. Blackburne
Mr. Blackburne
Mr. Wood
Mr. Dehany
Mr. Nicolls
Mr. Harmen
Mr. Jackſon
Mr. Moſs
Mr. J. Vaughan, Jun.
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Blunt
Mr. Langton
Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Nelſon
Rev. Dr. Hillman
Mrs. Blagrave
Mrs. Powell
Mr. T. Haynes, Jun.
Mr. Jones
Mr. Stephens
Mr. Harper
Mr. B. Shaw
Hon. Mr. Stracey
Mr. W. Shaw
Mr. Liſle
Mrs. Portman
Mrs. Gwatkin
Mrs. Farell
Sir Robert Smith, Bart.
Mr. Jones
Mr. Eagles
Mrs. Gore
Mr. Knowles

Mr. Farr
Mr. Symons
Mr. Morris
Rev. Mr. Northcote
Miſs Coxe
Miſs M. Coxe
Mr. R. H. Coxe
Mr. R. Vaughan
Mr. Bayly
Mr. Scarſe
Rev. Mr. Taylor
Mr. Leigh Perrot
Mr. Welman
Mr. Pearce
Mr. Bacon
Mr. J. Durben, Jun.
Mr. W. Battersby
Mr. Lampriere
Mr. Jenkins
Mr. Day
Mr. Hoare
Lady Mill
Mrs. Court
Mr. Chambers
Mr. Fry
Mr. Collins
Mr. Gardiner
Mrs. Gardiner
Mr. Smith
Mr. Riggs
Rev. Mr. Cookſon
Mr. Drax
Mr. Wroughton
Mr. Skone
Mr. Allnut
Mrs. Adams
Mr. Neufville
Mr. Charnock
Rev. Mr. Wickham
Mr. J. H. Coxe
Mr. Longden
Mr. Loſcombe
Mr. Lefevre
Mrs. Gwyn
Mr. Gwyn

Mrs. Molyneux
Mr. Creſpigny
Mr. Jones
Mr. Coffin
Mr. Shakerley
Mr. Southcote
Mr. Baker
Mr. James Laroche, Jun.
Mr. C. Coxe
Mr. James Vaughan
Sir John Moore, Bart.
Mr. Becher
Mr. Hayward
Mr. Wayne
Rev. Dr. Warner
Rev. Mr. Penton
Mr. Owens
Mr. Hayes
Mr. Reddall
Mr. Nott
Miſs Fettyplace
Mr. Eyre
Mrs. Cookſon
Mr. Harſon
Mrs. Owen
Mr. Read
Miſs Rambouillet
Miſs Hotchkin
Rev. Mr. Yeſcomb
Miſs Roberts
Mr. Lambert
Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Brigſtock
Mr. Owen
Mrs. Barlow
Rev. Dr. Woodward, Dean of Clogher
Mr. Brune
Mr. Baker
Mr. Houghton
Mr. Southwell
Mr. Blake
Mr. Biggs
Mr. Brailsford
Mr. Pennel Hawkins

Mr. Forward	Miſs Threſher
Mr. Herbert, jun.	Mr. Brice
Mr. Bernard	Mr. Auſten
Mr. Banks	Mr. Williams
Mr. Oſborne	Mr. Portmans
Mr. Pope	Mr. Laforey
Mr. Maſkelyne	Mrs. Creſwicke
Mr. Birkhead	Mr. Beynon
Mrs. Greene	Mr. Blagrave
Mr. Wood	Mr. Gore
Mr. Lewis	Miſs Shaw
Mr. Nicholas, jun.	Mr. Farell
Rev. Mr. Baldwynne	Mrs. Brown
Mr. Breedon	Mr. Hotchkin
Mr. C. Bragge	Mr. Turton
Mr. Croffts	Mr. Crugar
Mr. Yorke	Mr. Noble
Mr. James Weldon, jun.	Mr. Horner
Mr. Pughin	Mrs. Collins
Mr. Brigſtock	Mr. Powys
Mr. Olivier	Mr. Andrews
Mr. B. Colborne	Mr. Donne
Mr. R. Haynes	Mr. Newman
Mr. Gwynne	Mrs. Green
Rev. Mr. Wickam	Lady Clive
Lady Thorold	Rev. Dr. Peploe
Mr. Savage	Mr. Bampfylde
Mr. Turner	Mr. Haviland
Lady Moſtyn	Miſs Lovell
Mr. Ed. Gore	Mrs. Hotchkin
Mr. Dalbiac	Mr. R. Adamſon
Mr. Hobhouſe	Miſs Rawlin
Mr. Symmonds	Mrs. Aſheton
Mr. Buckle	Mrs. Penton
Mrs. Bowles	Mrs. Drax

A Propoſal made by Mr. BRERETON *to Mr.* PLOMER *and his Friends, aſſembled at the Bear Inn, on Wedneſday Evening, the 5th of April,* 1769.

IN order to eſtabliſh Unanimity amongſt the Company at Bath, I am willing to refer the Merits of the Election for Maſter of the Ceremonies to the under-

under-named Noblemen and Gentlemen, or as many of them as will pleaſe to attend on the Occaſion, and I will abide by their Determination between Mr. PLOMER and me.

WILLIAM BRERETON.

Lord HUNTINGDON,	Mr. CALLIS,
Lord HEREFORD,	Mr. MARRIOT,
Lord SOMERVILLE,	General SANDFORD,
Sir GEORGE YOUNG,	Mr. NORRIS,
Sir W. ST. QUINTIN,	Mr. BATERSBY,
Col. SOMERVILLE,	

To Mr. BRERETON.

SIR,

I Think it improper to accept of your Propoſal, though I have the higheſt Opinion of thoſe honorable Gentlemen whoſe Names you have mentioned in your Note.

I am, Sir, your humble Servant,

R. H. PLOMER.

P. S. I have already publicly made an Offer for the Sake of the Peace of the Community, which it becomes me to abide by.

MR. BRERETON immediately ſent a Note to Mr. *Plomer*, deſiring to know what Propoſal he had made, as Mr. *Brereton* had not received any Propoſal from Mr. *Plomer*: To which Note Mr. *Plomer* ſent the following Anſwer.

To Mr. BRERETON.

SIR,

I Have already made a public Declaration, (not to you in particular) that I would for the Peace of this Community reſign my Pretenſions, provided you would your's, unto a third Perſon that might be agreeable to the Company. You will obſerve that your Son was then underſtood to be excepted.

I am your humble Servant,

Bath, 5th April, 10 o'Clock. R. H. PLOMER.

KING *and no* KING, *or the* BATH ELECTION.

SAY, Bath! from whence this civil Diſcord flows,
That kindles Rage in gentle Belles and Beaux?
'Tis from a mighty cauſe their Fury ſprings,
The mighty Cauſe of Liberty and Kings!
St. *George*'s Race with ſtout St. *Patrick*'s vies;
Warm as the Conteſt, noble is the Prize,
The Crown of Bath!—What Empire can compare
With that o'er Men of Taſte and Ladies fair?
Two *Rival Kings* of Bath at once behold!
(Illuſtrious *Brentford!* ſuch thy Fate of old!)
Hibernia's Leader claims the foremoſt Place,
Allow'd the Chief in Hardineſs of Face;
Erſt on the *Turf* how flouriſhing his Name!
But *envious Nobles* nipp'd his growing Fame.
His Reputation, ting'd by Scandal's Stains,
He by true Proof, the Dint of Sword, maintains.
What, but our Courage, can our Honour ſhew?
Yet Courage dreads a *FELL* and *injur'd* Foe.
This King of Clubs will quit the Gaming Trade,
(Fortunes by Gaming are not always made)
To rule at Bath, (oh! noble, gen'rous Heart!)
And act the Monarch, not the Gameſter's Part.
Gameſter and *Duelliſt!* what envied Names!
Yet theſe, for *public Good*, he all diſclaims.
Oh! how can ſuch rare Merit be withſtood!
Who *promiſes*, on *Honour*, will be good.
Elect this Son of Mars, for Arms renown'd,
Unleſs ſome *worthier* Candidate be found.
His Rival view! of Temper calm, ſerene;
Artleſs Good-nature in his Face is ſeen:
O'er one gay Province hath he juſtly reign'd,
His Conduct fair, his Character unſtain'd.
But ſtop!—ſome Politician haws and hums,—
Then gravely cries, "This Man from *Briſtol* comes!
Shall hackney'd Calumny defile my Pen?
"*Briſtol* ne'er breeds polite or honeſt Men."
Aſperſion vile! be buried in the Grave,
Or the dark Soul of ſome malicious Knave.
Think not this Man of Courage unpoſſeſt,
Becauſe with decent Moderation bleſt.
Courage and Moderation well agree;
From real Courage Bravoes may be free.

What! tho' the Roſcius of our Engliſh Stage,
Fam'd DAVID, ſume with all *Goliah*'s Rage;
He wraps himſelf in his own Virtue warm,
And ſcorns th' Attack of raſh, ill-manner'd O—.
Life's ſocial Virtues dwell in PLOMER's Heart;
Your Smiles to him, ye *Britiſh* Fair, impart!
Brave *Albion*'s Sons! your Votes united bring,
And greet good PLOMER, "Hail, of BATH the KING!"
But if dire Party Rage abhors to yield,
Unleſs theſe Heroes quit the doubtful Field,
By common Suff'rage let a THIRD be nam'd,
For Spirit, Honour, and Politeneſs fam'd;
Stranger to Tricks, and all the Gambling Trade;
If ſuch you want, behold the Man in WADE.
Thus ſanguine Wrath, and Envy pale will ceaſe,
Beauty will wear the Smiles of Joy and Peace;
Juſtice and Harmony revive again,
And thrive, as once they did, in good King NASH's Reign.

Chriſtopher Inn, Bath, April 6, 1769. W. W.

A Continuation of the Correſpondence between Mr. BRERETON and Mr. PLOMER.

Copy of a Letter to Mr. PLOMER.

SIR,

IT has been recommended to me by the Mayor and acting Juſtices of the Corporation of Bath, to make you the following Propoſal, viz.

That the Determination of the Diſpute between us ſhall be left to the firſt five Noblemen and Gentlemen named in the Liſt preſented to you laſt Night, ſhould you reject this Propoſal, as you have every other which tends to reſtore the Peace and Pleaſures of the Society, let the Publick judge *whither* it is your Cauſe or mine, that truſts for its Support to Injuſtice and Violence.

I am, Sir, your moſt humble Servant,

An Anſwer in Writing is *deſired immediatly*. W. BRERETON.

To Mr. BRERETON.

SIR,

I Have been aſſured that the Majority of the Noblemen and Gentlemen, you have been pleaſed to mention at the Foot of your Propoſals laſt Night, have declared that it was without their Knowledge they were mentioned, and that they now totally decline interfering in this Diſpute. The Mayor has provided for the Peace and good Order of the Ball To-morrow Night, which I think it incumbent upon me to comply with, as I will with every Meaſure that can tend to reſtore Unanimity and Peace to this Community, conſiſtent with my former Declarations.

I cannot but be ſurprized that you ſhould ſo unjuſtly charge me with deſtroying the "*Peace* and *Pleaſures*" of this Society, when I have ſo frequently declared myſelf ready to ſacrifice all my Pretenſions for the Preſervation of both.

I am, Sir, your moſt humble Servant,

Bath, April 6, 1769, 11 o'Clock. R. H. PLOMER.

A LOW SONG *upon a* HIGH SUBJECT.

IN Bath Town-Hall, inſtead of May'r-a,
See the unembarras'd C— -a,
Friend to both Sides take the Chair-a. *Doodle doodle do.*

What cou'd this Croud together bring-a?
The Bus'neſs was no trifling thing-a,
No leſs than to elect a King-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Two Candidates ſtrove for the Crown-a,
Men of quite *different* Renown-a,
Which made a Buſtle in the Town-a. *Doodle, &c.*

The *Sc—ſh* Men beyond the Tweed-a,
All with the *I—ſh* had agreed-a,
In *Bladud* s Realm to take the Lead-a. *Doodle, &c.*

A mighty Clan then from the North-a,
With *White* and *Black B—s* iſſu'd forth-a,
All Men of *Valour* and of *Worth*-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Knights, Squires, and Lords, and Ladies fair-a,
To Gyde's Aſſembly-room repair-a,
An Iriſh Sov'reign to declare-a. *Doodle, &c.*

To keep th' Advantage they had got-a,
They ſteal a March on Johnny Trott-a;
Ah! *fubble* Teague! and *crafty* Scot-a! *Doodle, &c.*

Alas! poor England! 'tis thy Chance-a,
To pay the *Pipe* while others *dance*-a;
Dupe to all Lands, as well as France-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Then in there came a Knight ſo warm-a,
Supported by the cream-fac'd O*** -a,
Who ſwore they'd take the Town by Storm-a. *Doodle, &c.*

But J***s, who did not like the Jeſt-a,
Advanc'd, and made a bold *Proteſt*-a,
Leaving to Chamberlain the reſt-a. *Doodle, &c.*

It was not fair, I do inſiſt-a,
To give poor Shenkin ſuch a Liſt-a,
Of many a Lord's and Lady's Fiſt-a; *Doodle, &c.*

Then leave the Britiſh King elect-a,
'Midſt R—pp—ee and gambling Sect-a,
To be both laugh'd at, and reject-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Mean while the *E—ſh* Spirit rous'd-a,
No longer to be gull'd and chous'd-a,
An honeſt Cauſe they all eſpous'd-a: *Doodle, &c.*

Reſolving not to quit the Field-a,
Nor to an arch Uſurper yield-a,
They to a fairer Choice appeal'd-a. *Doodle, &c.*

A Book was made to take the Poll-a,
The Candidates plac'd Cheek by Jowl-a,
All fair and 'bove Board, on my Soul-a. *Doodle, &c.*

But *Br—e—n*, who got the Start-a,
Declar'd he did not care a F—a,
He with his Pow'r wou'd never part-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Now might you ſee a *wond'rous Sight*-a,
A Crowd of Engliſhmen *unite*-a,
To do *Themſelves* and *Country* right-a. *Doodle, &c.*

The Time elaps'd, the Books they cloſe-a,
Declaring *Plomer* duly choſe-a,
Which was a Balſam to his N—e-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Then Anger, Wrath, and Party Zeal-a,
Loud bawling for the public Weal-a,
Made Laws and Government to reel-a. *Doodle, &c.*

To heal the Difference, what Hope-a!
While one Side talks of Noſe and Soap-a,
And t'other threatens with a Rope-a. *Doodle, &c.*

But whatſoe'er the Iſſue be-a,
The ſelfiſh Neutrals all agree-a,
Shou'd henceforth be thought Nobody-a. *Doodle, &c.*

Then, honeſt E—ſh! do not flinch-a,
Nor to their Bluſt'ring yield an Inch-a,
You ſoon will ſee the gall'd Horſe wince-a. *Doodle, &c.*

WHEREAS a Report hath prevailed, that I have entered into a private Treaty with Mr. *Plomer* for his Intereſt, and as this Report may injure me in the good Opinion of the Company: As it is injurious to my Reputation, and contradicts my firſt Declaration of relying entirely upon the general Senſe of the Subſcribers, I hope I may be allowed, in the *moſt ſolemn Manner*, to aſſure the Public, that I never have, nor ever will enter into any private Treaty with either Party.

April 7, 1769. WILLIAM WADE.

BATH, April 8, 1769.

A BALL for Mr. PLOMER, Maſter of the Ceremonies, on Monday the 10th Inſtant, at Mr. *Simpſon's Room*, when Mr. *Plomer* humbly hopes the Nobility and Gentry will honour him with their Company.

The HOT-BED's *Advice to a certain* GARDENER.

THO' you to rival me preſume,
Are warm, and hot, and love to fume;
The Heat's no deeper than the Skin,
You're cool, nay very cool, *within*:
The Fruit too of *my* Smoak and Stir,
Is but the poor cold Cucumber;
And tho' to ſome Advantage ſhewn,
Our Compoſition well is known,
Made up of Dung, and Dirt, and Mire,
Tho' full of Smoak, we boaſt no Fire;
Then let us ſhun the public Jeſt,
We are but *Dunghills* at the beſt.
Be quiet, Brother, wiſely think,
The more we ſtir, the more we ſtink.

BATH, April 10, 1769.

MR. PLOMER, being refuſed the Rooms and Muſic for his intended Ball, is under a Neceſſity of making this Apology to the Nobility and Gentry who intended to have honoured him with their Company this Evening.

April 10, 1769.

THE BALL for Mr. CHARLES JONES, will be at Mr. *Gyde's Room* on Thurſday next, the 13th Inſtant.

An OLD PROPHECY, *in Gothic Characters, found upon a Stone in the Rubbiſh of the New Buildings, April the Firſt.*

IN the ſame Year when *Six* and *Nine*,
To *One* and *Seven* their Forces join;
When Prieſts, who preach and pray for Peace,
With Rancour *fell* the Feuds increaſe;

And tho' they combat, play the Devil,
That Good may riſe from Rev'rend Evil:
When *Briſtol Smugglers* ſhall invade
Their Neighbour's Rights, and hurt fair Trade:
When Money gives an unknown Crew
To judge of what they never knew,
To prate and vote for Men and Meaſures,
And chuſe a Maſter for our Pleaſure:
Then ſhall the Realm be topſy turvy,
And thoſe *command*, who ought to *ſerve* ye;
Order and *Decency* retreat,
For *Anarchy* ſhall fill the Street,
Shall all her helliſh Uproar bring,
E'en to the Palace of the King.

MERLIN, jun.

BATH, April 11, 1769.

A Deſire of Accommodation having Yeſterday been expreſſed by ſome of Mr. BRERETON's Friends, in Order to put an End to the preſent Conteſt, the following were delivered at Three o'Clock by Mr. PLOMER.

Mr. PLOMER *propoſes, by the Advice of his Friends,*

THAT he ſhall reſign his Pretenſions;

THAT Mr. *Brereton* ſhall reſign his alſo;

THAT Mr. WADE, as generally approved by both Parties, ſhall be recommended to the Company as a proper Perſon to be Maſter of the Ceremonies;

THAT the Surplus of the Subſcription-Money ſhall be divided between Mr. *Brereton* and Mr. *Plomer*, if agreeable to the Subſcribers;

THAT Mr. *Brereton* and Mr. *Plomer* ſhall each of them have a Ball;

THAT

THAT if Mr. WADE is approved of by the Company, he ſhall engage to officiate *gratis* at a Ball for the Benefit of Mrs. *Brereton* and her Family yearly, during his Continuance in that Office.

An Anſwer in Writing is requeſted by Seven o'Clock this Evening.

BATH, April 10, 1769.

THE above Propoſals Mr. *Brereton* returned at Eight o'Clock in the Evening with this verbal Anſwer: "By Advice of my Friends this is the only Anſwer I can give."

N. B. A Meeting of Mr. *Plomer*'s Friends is deſired at Twelve o'Clock at the *Town-Hall*.

To D**** G******, *Eſq.*

GREAT Maſter of the Scenic Art,
What ſink into a Party-Tool?
Play, as at Home, the Hero's Part,
Don't come to BATH *to play the Fool.*

To the SAME.

G*****K, with Emphaſis and Pauſe,
Repeats the pretty Lines he writ,
Without this Aid, the Critic's Laws
Deny them Harmony or Wit.

Leave Writing, D——*d*, be adviſ'd,
Before the Public Ear is tir'd;
Let others *write*, and be *deſpis'd*,
Let G———*k ſpeak*, and be admir'd.

The TRIUMVIRATE.

W**B would be handſome, we admit,
If his *Eye* ſparkled like his Wit;
Nor would we, G———*k*, thee decry,
If thy *Wit* ſparkled like thine *Eye*.
W*****, how hard a Fate is thine,
With neither *Eye* nor *Wit* to ſhine!

CONGRATULATORY COMPLIMENTS.

OH! for a Muſe of *Smoke!* from *Hot-Bed* fierce
Reeking, or Dunghill vile, then would I ſing
Our Monarch like himſelf ——

But, alas! I muſt be content in humble Proſe to congratulate my Fellow-Subjects upon our preſent Harmony, good Humour, and Politeneſs. That Peace, which we could never have hoped for from the matchleſs *Legs and Impudence, that beats all Underſtanding*, or from the *Courage* of the *Gentleman*, who took the *whole Company by the Noſe*; neither from the placid Countenance of our Briſtol Candidate, nor from his ſomewhat too temperate Friends, is now confirmed to us, and to our Poſterity, *undoubtedly for ever*, by the *ſimple*, I mean the ſingle, Declaration of one of the Room-Keepers,—"I will "acknowledge no Maſter but Mr. B——N; to no "other will I open my Rooms." How juſt this Declaration! The Rooms, *to be ſure*, are Mr. *******'s. The Subſcribers are mere Tenants at Will, and may be turned out at the Pleaſure of their Landlord at a Moment's Warning; then how modeſt, by this Declaration, and in very Fact, does he contradict a Number of Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen, who *ſtill preſume* to think that 267 are more than 253. Did he not probably learn both his Modeſty and his Arithmetic in the *ſame Country?* But that generous Diſregard to his own Intereſt, and his Contempt of a Danger, which his Sagacity muſt have certainly foreſeen, that theſe rich Folks of Briſtol, particularly thoſe of a certain Trade ſo terrible (whether by Inſtinct or the Malady of his Country) to our Monarch, may build a Dancing-Room that will effectually ruin the lower Town of Bath.

However,

However, though Riches, I mean thoſe in their *own* Pockets, are not always among the Nalionalities of his Patrons, yet if he ſhould ever be diſtreſſed, *Our* O——e *ſhall mount the Roſtrum in his Favour*, and his *Lady*, in Proof of her Nobility, ſhall open his Balls. Their Children too, who certainly *were born in Wedlock*, ſhall wonder at their Mother's Courage and their Father's Eloquence.

Vivat Rex, Long Live King B——n.

To D—— G——.

In Anſwer to the Verſes entitled, An OLD PROPHECY, *and ſigned* MERLIN.

WHY art thou, DAVID, ſo uncivil,
To give the Clergy to the Devil;
For, if *we* give the Devil his Due,
Pray, DAVID, what becomes of You?
Old Nick, and all his dirty Factors,
Pimps, Gamblers, Vagabonds, and Actors,
We do renounce, with all their Works,
Or ſhould we better be than Turks?
Therefore, good Majeſty of Drury,
Abate a little of thy Fury;
Ape not the Man of Wit and Letters,
Nor pertly dictate to thy Betters.

To the SAME.

FROM Gothic Rubbiſh of thy Brain,
King David, were thy Verſes ta'en;
Frigid thy Wit! and poor thy Spite!
Why wilt thou, little David, *write*?

To DITTO.

MOCK Monarch of the mimic Scene!
'Gainſt Prieſts why all this Fury?
Unſeemly 'tis to ſtrut, I ween,
As in thy Realm of Drury.
Thou, who the Public's *Servant art*,
Nay *Slave* to Porter's Pleaſures;
At Bath how dar'ſt *Thou act* a Part,
Or *prate* of *Men* and *Meaſures*.

The Humble PETITION *of the* YOUNG LADIES, *married or ſingle, to Mr.* G——R,

SHEWETH,

THAT whereas you have this Morning at the *Pump-Room* made it your Buſineſs to apply to all thoſe Ladies whoſe Health or Inclinations prevented their Dancing Minuets,—That as ſoon as any beautiful Girl ſhould be taken out by a noble Peer to dance a Minuet, that they ſhould get up and walk about the Room, to interrupt their Dancing, and diſguſt the Company; and thereby prevent the Pleaſure we have of ſeeing and being ſeen, admiring our own Actions, and wiſhing to pleaſe in the Eyes of others. We hope you will not oblige us to pull the Caps of the Old, as you are ſo fearful yourſelf of engaging in Quarrels with your own Sex: Whatever you do, we hope you will let us dance, and keep in your own Sphere; you have hobbled a Minuet round the Room after the Gout, and we wiſh to ſee you do ſo again; and if your Candidate would do ſo too, we won't abuſe him, as we all endeavour to do our beſt. Therefore if you wiſh to avoid giving an Affront to good Manners, acknowledge you ſometimes do commit Rudeneſs, and ought to think before you ſpeak: Conſider, and let us have our Minuets, and indulge our favourite Diverſion.

Tueſday, April 11, 1769.

QUESTIONS *which require an immediate Anſwer.*

WHETHER the Eyes of every Man of every Nation now in Bath are not open to ſee, that *St. Patrick* is the Cauſe of all the preſent Diſturbances in the Company, tho' ſome Engliſhmen have been incautiouſly drawn in to countenance the Execution? Whether

Whether in any Cauſe between any two Nations, more Injuſtice, more Violence, or more Inhumanity, was ſhewn to eſtabliſh a k**** to the Prejudice of an Honeſt Man, who has a fair cuſtomary Right?

Whether the Inhabitants of any City on Earth ever received ſo public an Inſult, ſo outrageous an Affront, or ſo cruel an Indignity, under the Protection of any M-g-t-cy authoriſed to preſerve Order, and execute Juſtice?

Whether any Man ever ſaw Charity demanded by a Race of Beggars in Jewels of Gold, Jewels of Silver, Embroidery, and Velvets, till he enter'd the City of Bath?

Whether any Man ever read of a public Indignity, and Refuſal of Juſtice, offered to a Liſt of Names equally reſpectable with that publiſhed by Mr. *Plomer?*

Whether *St. Patrick*'s Gang can from henceforth ſee an Engliſhman in the City of Bath without laughing in his Face? —Or the Reverſe without deſpiſing him?

Whether the Laws of our wiſe Anceſtors, which prohibit every ***ſhman from landing in ENGLAND, or ſettling in any City without Security for their good Behaviour, ought not to be enforced with a Rigour equal to thoſe enacted againſt the *Jeſuits*, who are the common Diſturbers and moſt arbitrary Villains on the Face of the Globe?

Whether it be not high Time for *St. George* to break his Launce, and hide his Face, if he cannot protect our *Wives* and our *Children* from the Inſults of *St. Patrick*, in the politeſt Aſſembly in EUROPE?

Whether the Lords and Commons of *England*, and the Gentlemen of the populous and opulent County of *Somerſet*, will tamely ſit ſtill and behold ſo daring an Inſult offered to their Countrymen who engaged originally in Defence of their *Public Expulſion*, without reſenting the Injuſtice in the Autumn Seaſon?

Laſtly; Let it be ſeen if there are now in Bath, Ladies ſo mean, ſo contemptible, ſo devoid of all Feeling and Reſentment, as to accept the Hand of that Man to lead her to a Minuet, who has thus audaciouſly encroached on every Decorum due to Society? If there are, may the God of Heaven and Earth reward them accordingly.

BATH, April 11, 1769.

THE Gentlemen met at the *Town-Hall*, in the Intereſt of Mr. PLOMER, do publickly teſtify their Diſ*pprobation, and diſavow a certain printed Hand-Bill, intitled, *Queſtions which require an immediate Anſwer*, and do declare, That it was not wrote or publiſhed by or with their Knowledge.

BATH, April 12, 1769.

WHEREAS the Perſon lately ſtiling himſelf MAJOR ********, (and *now* calling himſelf Maſter of the Ceremonies of this Place) and his *Adherents*, have repeatedly rejected the reaſonable and advantageous Terms of Accommodation that have been offered for the Benefit of him and his Family, on the Part of Mr. *Plomer* and his Friends; and after amuſing the Public with fallacious Profeſſions of Peace, have diſplayed their real Intentions of maintaining him in his aſſumed Office, *Vi et Armis*, (and the extraordinary Declaration made by the ſaid ******** this Morning, That as long as he lived no other Man ſhould be Maſter of the Ceremonies here) by the inſolent and outrageous Violences ſome of his Partizans committed laſt Night, it is the determined Reſolution of the Gentlemen in Mr. *Plomer*'s Intereſt, to enter into NO future Treaty with the ſaid ********; as it is *now apparent*, that the Peace of this Place can never be eſtabliſhed upon a ſolid Baſis, whilſt he continues his Pretenſions to the Office of Maſter of the Ceremonies, which has been ſo violently aſſumed: And they are therefore determined to exert themſelves to the utmoſt, to prevent the ſaid ******** any longer diſturbing the Peace of this Place; and it is not doubted, but that the *candid* and *moderate* of the ſaid ********'s Party, (*as it has conſtantly been the View of* ALL *who have ſupported Mr.* PLOMER) will concur with the Reſt of the Company, in any fair and practicable Plan for terminating the unhappy Diſputes which have ſo long ſubſiſted; and that they, and the whole Community, will ſee the Propriety of theſe Reſolutions.

☞ A general Meeting of all the Gentlemen in the

the Intereſt of Mr. PLOMER, and ſuch other Subſcribers who wiſh to ſee a ſpeedy End to the preſent Diſturbances, is requeſted at the Town-Hall Tomorrow, being Thurſday, at One o'Clock.

From *The* BATH *and* BRISTOL CHRONICLE.

April 13, 1769.

NEVER was ſuch a Scene of Anarchy and Confuſion remembered in this City, as happened on *Tueſday* Night laſt at one of the public Rooms; when the Friends of Mr. *Brereton* and Mr. *Plomer* met mutually to ſupport their Choice of each of the above Gentlemen as *Maſter of the Ceremonies*.

A written Paper was produced by a Gentleman in the Intereſt of Mr. *Plomer*, which he requeſted to be permitted to read*; but a Hiſs of Diſapprobation from the other Party enſuing, a general Confuſion of courſe followed.——Scandalous Epithets, and Blows, were the Conſequence; and the Mayor was ſent for to appeaſe the tumult; who attended with proper Officers, and the Riot-Act was read three Times by the Town-Clerk.

* The following is what was to have been publicly declared to the Company laſt Tueſday Night's Ball, when the Gentleman who was deputed by the Friends of Mr. PLOMER to make it, was interrupted and aſſaulted by Mr. *N*——, Mr. *O*—, and Mr. *H*—.

"LADIES *and* GENTLEMEN,

"I am *authoriſed* to declare to you that Mr. PLOMER has been "duly and fairly elected Maſter of the Ceremonies of this "Aſſembly; and in the Name of 267 Lords, Ladies, and "Gentlemen, who have elected him, *to proteſt* againſt any o-"ther Perſon whatſoever who ſhall preſume, by Violence or "otherwiſe, to act as Maſter of the Ceremonies."

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The Senſe of the NEUTRAL GENTLEMEN.

THEY think if the preſent Commotions are not ſpeedily concluded, Mr. NASH's Prophecy will be fully verified.—They are unanimous in condemning the national Diſtinctions which have been made Uſe of, and deem them ſcandalous and illiberal.—They hear, with infinite Concern, a Reſolution to form a new Room upon ſome excluſive Conditions: The Minute they take place, will be the period of the Amuſements at Bath, which nothing can ſupport but general Concurrence.——They think whoever were the means of perſuading the Ladies to go to the Rooms on Tueſday Night, have been guilty of an Indiſcretion never to be atoned for.—They are impatient for a Reconciliation of the Parties, which cannot be effected by caviling, "which is moſt to blame," but by each taking Blame to itſelf.—They are ſatisfied neither of the preſent Candidates can enjoy the Office they contend for, therefore earneſtly wiſh for Capt. *Wade.*

THE Reſult of the Meeting of the Gentlemen in Mr. PLOMER's Intereſt, and of the Subſcribers in general, held at the *Town-Hall* this Day, was, "That a Committee of Twelve Gentlemen "be appointed by Mr. *Brereton*'s and Mr. *Plomer*'s "Friends, who are to depute a Chairman, and meet "To-Morrow, in order to fix on a Gentleman to "act as *Maſter of the Ceremonies* in this City:"—And as it was almoſt the unanimous Wiſh of the Meeting, (*for the Sake of future Peace and Harmony*) that Mr. WADE ſhould be ſettled in that Office; there does not remain even a Doubt but that HE will be the REIGNING MONARCH.

Thurſday Evening, April 13.